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You see, Mr. "Boss" McKane, you were not forgotten.

Mr. Expert Evidence hasn't forgotten how to do a jury.

It is safe to consider the extinction of the Hawaiian monarchy as final.

There is no reason why Utah should not become a more creditable sister State.

McKane is now supplied with the latest market quotations on contempt of Court.

So far, Mrs. Zella Nicolaus has the best of a singularly interesting game of hide-and-go-seek.

New York policemen's prisoners are not permitted to "wait for the wagon." They get the drag.

It is getting to be right hard to harmonize republican ideas with Mexican and Brazilian practices.

The official canvassers of the State have confirmed previous reports of certain political disturbances on Nov. 7 last.

Justice Barnard's decision may not suit McKane's Christmas stocking, but it fits the ex-boss's case of contempt to a nicety.

Those insurgent gaves have given notice out of their own mouths, to Brazil's capital city, that they are still in business on Cobras Island.

"Evening World" Christmas trees will bear most delightful winter fruit. Have you given your mite, or more, to add to the abundance of their offerings?

Republican Senators are getting their criticisms all in ahead of the President's Hawaiian message lest they find nothing to criticize after the message has come.

Public opinion holds that the "L" road magnates should not be allowed to "smoke" a third track into Ninth avenue, but should be permitted legally to place one there.

Even beggars may ride when the police patrol wagons come to New York. And some of those violent fellows in Harlem streets may yet be among the passengers.

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It is gathered that Millionaire Carnegie is contriving ways and means to meet his arrears for board and lodging. His Beaver Falls workmen are to experience a cut in wages amounting to 40 per cent. on the total pay-roll.

It seems the raiding police in the Tennessee precinct weren't invariably quite sure they were right before they went ahead. In the making of domiciliary visits by the wholesale, in any neighborhood, large opportunities for mistakes present themselves. No amount of cau-

tion on the part of the police will be wasted in connection with such proceedings. It is better that many of the guilty should escape a raid than that any of the innocent should be subjected to the ignominy of a night in station-house cells or a morning in Police Court.

SOFT COAL MUST GO.

The Board of Health has served notice upon the Steam-Heating Company that it must abate without any further delay the soft coal nuisance created by its works, at which a most offensive article is burned, consisting of a mixture of soft and anthracite coal. There are eighteen boilers at the works on Greenwich street under which this coal is burned, and the chimneys pour forth clouds of black smoke laden with grease, and as injurious to the public health as it is offensive to public cleanliness and decency.

There are other smoke nuisances in the city, notably that maintained by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. They ought all to be stopped. The Board of Health has condemned them as a nuisance, and hence it is in the power of the authorities to compel their discontinuance. The use of high chimneys and "blowers" may be of some benefit, or advantage, but they do not stop the evil and are utterly valueless in depressed and heavy conditions of the atmosphere. Soft coal must go altogether, and the city must be kept free from its dust and its injurious effects. It is a convenience, but not an absolute necessity to the various industries in which it is used, and this is a case in which individual interests must give way to the public protection and the public good.

OFFICIAL RESULT.

The official State canvass shows that Palmer's plurality for Secretary of State was 24,484 and Bartlett's plurality for the Court of Appeals 101,064. The rebuke to the dictators of Maynard's nomination is thus made a very severe one. The legislative stands: For the Senate, eighteen Republicans, thirteen Democrats and one Independent Republican; for the House, seventy-four Republicans, fifty-four Democrats, and a Republican majority on joint ballot of twenty-six.

This disposes of all the foolish rumors of a "conspiracy" to steal the Senate; rumors which never had the shadow of foundation. The result is a rebuke to machine dictation which cannot fail to have its effect on the future management of parties, and is accepted by the Democracy in its true meaning. In fact, it is a lesson taught by the Democratic party itself and not by the Republicans. It will be productive of good results next year, when the State returns to its true Democratic anchorage.

PROTECT ACTION A DUTY.

The tariff bill is to be reported to the House on Tuesday next by the Ways and Means Committee, and it is rumored that the Democrats will demand a caucus upon it. There is also a report that the Committee is divided on the question of a tax on incomes, six of its members being still in favor of taxing incomes as well as corporations and inheritances.

There is said to be a great pressure on the Committee to grant interviews and hearings to persons whose interests are supposed to be injuriously affected by the new duties. This would be a waste of time. Tariff reform must set aside all individual considerations for the public good, and the applicants for a hearing by the Committee should be told that private interests must give way to public interests.

The Republican minority asks for time to prepare its report. But while all reasonable concessions should be made to the opponents of tariff reform, no factional delay should be permitted. The country is pretty well unanimous in the judgment that uncertainty is injurious. Accordingly the sooner the wisdom of 18 people, as expressed at the ballot-box, are carried out the better. The tariff question should be settled finally with as little delay as possible.

LET HIM TRY HIS OWN MEDICINE.

John Y. McKane, the head hot-potter of Coney Island, has been adjudged guilty of contempt by Judge Barnard, and has been sentenced to serve thirty days in jail and pay a fine of \$250. The fine is the only part of the punishment that should give the Coney Island whip-cracker any pain. The jail end of it ought to loom up before him as a bright and beautiful boon.

We should think it must be a mean and shiftless no-good-on-earth sort of jail that couldn't take the shine out of Coney Island for homing purposes, particularly in winter. The Frankfurter and the playground circles of Coney-surfer are, we know, most exclusive; it is hard to get into them—they do all the "getting in" themselves; and it might be that John Y. would be a little lonesome for a few days if he was separated from his ne-mo-touches-pas and exequitely life-gave. But the atmosphere of the Kings County Jail is doubtless a sufficient enough of lawlessness for the most exacting Coney Islander, and the Boss would be all right there after he had cooled off.

The only jail that would be real down-right condign punishment to John Y., would be his own. If the thing could be so that he would have to stay 30 days in the Coney Island calaboose, his reformation would be thorough and permanent. Those who have been in it, say that it is worse than anything Dante saw. Will Judge Barnard please make note of this and see, if we can, that John Y. gets a good and lasting dose of his own cold and clammy catacombs. A thirty-days' stay there would be equal to a life sentence elsewhere.

It is proposed to put up wire nettings to protect the members of the British Houses of Parliament from possible bomb-brothers. Nothing could illustrate better than this sober suggestion the extent to which the Anarchist scare has gone in all Europe. Nevertheless, incense of the visit of a determined dynamite to the haunt of the M. P.'s the screen might prove a net gain to the legislators.

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Australian Ballot Law Constitutional (By Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 14.—The quo war proceedings in the Supreme Court against Jacksonville City Council terminated yesterday at Tallahassee in a victory for the present model of the Australian ballot law under which they were decided.

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KING SANTA CLAUS.

The Day of His Coronation Is Close at Hand Again.

A Successful Fair Held by Mrs. P. F. Hunt's Children.

A Very Good Day for the Christmas-Tree Fund.

Letters containing money for the Christmas-Tree Fund should be addressed to "Caretaker of The World, Postoffice Building, New York City."

All parcels or packages containing donations of toys, clothing books or other articles, should be addressed to the "Manager 'Evening World's' Christmas-Tree, 106 East 84th street."

The American National, United States and Western Express Companies will convey all packages of twenty-five pounds weight and under, addressed as above, free of charge.

The New York Transfer Company (Dodd's Express) will call for and deliver packages free of charge on notification.

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Thomas P. Paterson, N. J.....	5.00
Harry O'Neill, Brooklyn.....	5.00
Abert Miller.....	5.00

Here is a letter from a little contributor that should make every self-loving reader hang his head for shame:

To the Editor: Please accept my ten cents, as I cannot send more at present. I am a poor child, and thought I would send them to help some poor child. I won't have one of a Christmas tree, as my father is not working. I am a little girl ten years old, hoping your Christmas tree fund will succeed. CARBIS KIDDER, 205 Fifth street, Brooklyn.

If it be true that "who gives from the heart sends from heaven," then may the sweetest blessings the favoring gods can bestow upon mortals fall upon this noble-hearted child. Perhaps some lieutenant of good St. Nick can give her father employment.

THREE STANCH FRIENDS.

The Hunt Children Hold a Successful Fair for the Fund.

On Monday evening, Loretta Hunt, aged eleven; Flossie, aged six, and Willie, aged four, the pretty and kind-hearted children of Mrs. P. F. Hunt, of 93 East 11th street, held a fair in their home for the benefit of the Christmas-Tree Fund. The fair was a big success. It lasted only one hour and a half, but in that time the little ones made \$35 for the fund.

LORETTA HUNT, AGED 11. They had fancy, toy, candy and ice cream and lemonade tables, and made a pretty and most inviting display of everything. There was a fishing-pond, too, and lots of fun. The neighbors who had been kind in the matter of donations were present in numbers, and bought the articles. Most of these were given to the children. A. M. Penny do-

FLORA SENDS \$1. I enclosed \$1 towards the Christmas-Tree Fund. FLORA HENNE, seven years old, Rockaway Beach, L. I.

GAVE UP HIS SLED. My papa wanted to buy me a sled, but I would not let him, because I wanted to send it to the poor children to help buy a Christmas tree, so I will close this by sending you a Christmas tree.

Success to the Tree. I enclosed \$2, which I trust may be of service in helping to gladden the heart of some poor little tot, who but for your charitable work would be unacquainted with the meaning of the word "Christmas." I am a little boy, eight years of age. WINFRED STERN, 127 East Seventh-street.

A Little Friend. I enclosed \$5 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund. From your little friend, EDWARD F. PARKIN, 280 Monmouth street, Jersey City.

SAVED FOR THE FUND. I enclosed \$5 cents, which I have saved for your Christmas-Tree Fund. BLANCHER, Brooklyn.

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD. I enclosed \$25 cents, which was given to me, but I would like to buy a toy or a nice pair of warm mittens for some little boy or girl, who has no kind papa and mamma like I have. I am a little girl eight years old. ALICE DAVID HART, 124 West One Hundred and Twentieth street.

TO MAKE SOME CHILD HAPPY. I enclosed \$1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund. It will help to make some poor child happy. I am, yours truly, M. H. Cohen, N. Y.

WILLIE HUNT, AGED 4. I had a nice box of candy for the fair. A. J. Larrabee sent fancy crackers, and the American Cracker Bakery sent similar donation. The Hunt children are stanch friends of "The Evening World's"

charities. They held a fair for the Sick Babies' Fund last summer and raised \$75. Flossie, eight years old, is very good to Loretta, Flossie and Willie.

THE BROOKLYN TREE.

Mrs. Lena Stitt is making splendid progress with her arrangements for "The Evening World's" Brooklyn Christmas-tree celebration. She has received many valuable donations from Brooklyn merchants, who will deliver lectures on Candy, fruits, dolls, etc., have been secured by herself and her extensive committee, and there will be a good time for the Brooklyn tree Christmas morning. She is arranging, too, to have the tree lighted at the Palace Hotel, where the tree will glow.

ALBERT SHEA'S CHRISTMAS LETTER.

To the Editor: I enclosed you will please find 50 cents as my donation. "The Evening World's" Christmas-Tree Fund is one of the most charitable and beneficial funds ever collected, and it behooves every boy and girl to contribute as freely and generously as possible. If boys and girls who "wish" for everything they see, could see the trifles which would please thousands of poor children, who live almost bare, they would be more likely to contribute. They should read the sad stories of the poor, and then they would be more likely to contribute, and besides making other children happy, who otherwise would be sad, they would be making themselves happy. Nothing gives a child more pleasure than to help a poor child. ALBERT C. SHEA, 159 East One Hundred and Third street.

GOD BLESS "THE EVENING WORLD."

To the Editor: I am a little girl ten years old. My papa takes "The Evening World" every night, and I read about the Christmas Tree and the good it does for the little children. I will send 25 cents to the Christmas-Tree Fund, hoping it will make some little one happy and glad. I am a poor child, and I hope you will be as happy as I am on Christmas. May God bless "The Evening World" for its good work. I am, yours truly, a Merry Christmas. MARY E. POTTINGER, Jamaica, L. I.

WANTS OTHERS TO BE HAPPY.

To the Editor: I enclosed please find 50 cents to help buy something for some little boy or girl on Christmas. My papa and mamma always make it pleasant to be on Christmas, and I hope every one else happy. I am twelve years old. MARTIN WEINBERGER, 222 Evergreen avenue, Brooklyn.

REMINDED OF A STORY.

To the Editor: This Christmas-Tree Fund puts me in mind of a story my papa tells about a horse. It was on a dock and got frightened at something and jumped in to the water. The owner was a poor man and not able to get another, so they took up a collection from all the Christians in the neighborhood. I should like to make these children happy on Christmas. I will enclose 40 cents. I hope it will do some good. ESTHEL WEAVER, age eleven years, Rutherford, N. J.

THREE BROOKLYN FRIENDS.

To the Editor: I enclosed please find \$1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund from three little girls in Brooklyn. GERTIE, HELEN, BERTIE, Brooklyn.

HARRY AND PETER.

To the Editor: Please accept these pennies for the Fund. I would like to send more, but I haven't any. Mamma says every little helps. I am very sorry for the poor little boys and girls who have no money to buy toys. I think your paper does a good work in New York. Mamma reads the letters to us every night, and brother Peter and I want to help make the Christmas tree a success. I am eight years old, and don't write a very good letter. I am, yours truly, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. HARRY MOSELEY, 125 Twelfth street, Long Island City.

EDITH'S ENCOURAGING WORDS.

To the Editor: I am a little girl, nine years old. I think that the Christmas-Tree Fund is a very worthy charity. Here is 25 cents I saved up for the Christmas-Tree Fund, and I hope it will make some child very happy, as it makes me very happy to send it. I will send you four more pennies, and hope that the children will have a very nice time and wish the Christmas tree a success. I wish it was nice for the poor children, and I wish I could send more to help along the fund. EDITH L. KNOX, 152 East Fifth street.

BROTHERS AND SISTER.

To the Editor: I enclosed you will find the amount of \$1, which we sent for the benefit of the poor children, who do not get many Christmas presents. Instead of two brothers and sister, having some Christmas presents or other things. HELEN MARK, thirteen years old, HARRY MARK, nine years old, EDITH MARK, seven years old, 709 East One Hundred and Forty-first street.

BELLE AND JOE GIVE.

To the Editor: Little Belle and little Joe want to send 10 cents each to the Christmas-Tree Fund. They are so happy that they can send something, and hope it will help make some little one happy also. BELLE and JOE, Maple, L. I.

GODFREY AND HIS BROTHERS.

To the Editor: I am a boy, eleven years old. My brothers and I want to send some money to the poor children for Christmas. I give 10 cents; my brother George gives 10 cents; he is seven years; Alice gives five; he is four years; Jennie gives five; he is two years. We hope some child will be happy. GODFREY GRIMM, West Hoboken, N. J.

WINFRED'S COLLECTION.

To the Editor: I am sending 70 cents, which I have collected for the Christmas-Tree Fund, and I hope a great many other children will send money, too. I hope your child will get some pretty things from the big Christmas tree. I am a little boy, eight years of age. WINFRED STERN, 127 East Seventh-street.

EDDIE'S MITE.

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SAYS ZELLA DID SAIL.

Marshal Bernhard Saw Her and Ruhman Board the Lahn.

Declares that Hummel was at the Steamer Tuesday Morning.

The Couple Registered as "Mr. A. Harris" and "Miss Graham."

Notwithstanding the reiterated denial of Abe Hummel, counsel for Mrs. Zella Nicolaus in her suit against George Gould to recover \$40,000, that she had not sailed for Europe Tuesday but was still on American soil, an "Evening World" reporter this morning unearthed what seems to be very strong, almost incontrovertible evidence, that Mrs. Nicolaus is now on the high seas bound for Bremen.

The steamer on which Mrs. Nicolaus and her duly appointed guardian, Mr. A. Ruhman, are alleged to have sailed is the German liner "Lahn," which left New York for Bremen Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, when the Lahn sailed, and I saw her. Nicolaus was with her, and she was among the spectators at the pier to see the Lahn off, told an "Evening World" reporter this morning that she saw the party registered as "Mr. A. Harris" and "Miss Graham" board the ship, that he had previously seen Mrs. Nicolaus and was as positive as he was of his own existence that Miss Graham was Mrs. Nicolaus. The "Lahn" was the same person.

This impression was strengthened by the fact that Mr. Abe Hummel, of Howe & Hummel, was at the wharf to bid his fair adventurous client on her voyage. He said that he had seen her, and that she was "Miss Graham," and spoke to him. He said that he had seen her, and that she was "Miss Graham," and spoke to him. He said that he had seen her, and that she was "Miss Graham," and spoke to him.

At the steamship office this morning a description of the person who purchased the ticket was freely given, and although the clerk denied personal acquaintance with the woman, who was sent from his manner that he knew that person well.

The pier of the Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd and each other and the Lahn and Normannia sailed at the same hour Tuesday morning. It is possible that the reporter, being unacquainted with the names of the ships and line, at any rate, United States Marshal Bernhard saw her, and she was among the spectators at the pier. Mrs. Nicolaus for Europe was false. This story alleged that she sailed on the "Lahn," of the Hamburg-American line.

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